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E. coli LT	KLYRADSRPPD	LYD H ARGTQ	YDDGIV S T S LSERSA	SPHPY E QEV S ALGGI
N. meningitidis	FLARGTSCQD	VIA H QIETG	YDGCV I ST T TKKEIA	PENPNEKEV T IRAED
S. coelicolor	TYI R SDSRGPQVVFEEGF H AKDVQNGQYDVEKYVLVNQSP T Y S YDHDLY			HKWAD O VEV A PPGGI
M. pneumoniae	EVYRVDLRSPE	FFEHILSTN	GRSY H ST S EP T AA	TSFAY Q REW T DGPI
S. typhi	FVYRVD S TPPD		SCSGGS S D S RYIATT	TMMR I ORE T VSTLSI
S. paratyphi	EVYRVD S TPPD		SCSGGS S D S RYIATT	TMMR I ORE T VSTLSI
S. pyogenes	VVYR W ATETFL		TKHSEM S TALKNGA	SAVPSE E LLFPRGC
L. monocytogenes	ILR G TSEIL		EERGF M ST T TSNOT	SETPEE A EVLFNIGQ

(57) Abstract: An ADP-ribosylating toxin from *Listeria monocytogenes* is disclosed, together with mutant toxins and uses therefor. There is only a low level of sequence identity between this toxin and known toxins such as the iota toxin from *Clostridium perfringens*.

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A	<p>EP 0 869 181 A (BIOCINE SPA) 7 October 1998 (1998-10-07) abstract</p>	1-6,8-28

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Box II Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of Item 2 of first sheet)

This International Search Report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1. Claims Nos.: 2-6 (all partially)
because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:
Although claim 28 is directed to a method of treatment of the human/animal body, the search has been carried out and based on the alleged effects of the compound.
2. Claims Nos.: 2-6 (all partially)
because they relate to parts of the International Application that do not comply with the prescribed requirements to such an extent that no meaningful International Search can be carried out, specifically:
see FURTHER INFORMATION sheet PCT/ISA/210
3. Claims Nos.:
because they are dependent claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6.4(a).

Box III Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of Item 3 of first sheet)

This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this International application, as follows:

see additional sheet

1. As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this International Search Report covers all searchable claims.
2. As all searchable claims could be searched without effort justifying an additional fee, this Authority did not invite payment of any additional fee.
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1-6 (all complete), 8-28 (all partially)

Remark on Protest

The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest.

No protest accompanied the payment of additional search fees.

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Continuation of Box II.1

Although claim 28 is directed to a method of treatment of the human/animal body, the search has been carried out and based on the alleged effects of the compound.

Continuation of Box II.2

Claims Nos.: 2-6(all partially)

Present claims 2,3,5 and 6 relate to an extremely large number of possible mutated proteins. Support within the meaning of Article 6 PCT and/or disclosure within the meaning of Article 5 PCT is to be found, however, for only a very small proportion of the mutated proteins claimed. In the present case, the claims so lack support, and the application so lacks disclosure, that a meaningful search over the whole of the claimed scope is impossible.

Present claim 4 relates to mutated proteins defined by reference to a desirable characteristic or property, namely showing reduced or eliminated ADP-ribosylating activity of the protein. The claim covers all mutated proteins having this characteristic or property, whereas the application provides no support within the meaning of Article 6 PCT and/or disclosure within the meaning of Article 5 PCT for such mutated proteins having the claimed characteristic. In the present case, the claims so lack support, and the application so lacks disclosure, that a meaningful search over the whole of the claimed scope is impossible. Independent of the above reasoning, the claims also lack clarity (Article 6 PCT). An attempt is made to define the mutated proteins by reference to a result to be achieved. Again, this lack of clarity in the present case is such as to render a meaningful search over the whole of the claimed scope impossible.

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